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THE "NORMAL CLUB" IN FRONT OF "MATRON'S BUILDING" IN 1900-1902



Pictured above are some 138 women (count them if you like), who were members of the "Normal Club," a name used to designate those young women who boarded in the dormitories on the campus at the turn of the century. They are pictured in front of the "Matron's Building" which, prior to the establishment of the Sacred Heart Convent, was the Bullard Mansion.

After the closing of the Convent on "The Hill," the property was acquired as the site of the Louisiana State Normal School in 1884. The only remains of the Bullard Mansion or "Matron's Building" are three of the four columns shown in the picture. The column on the extreme right was pulled down in the late thirties, as it had tilted to such an angle as to be considered dangerous. The other three columns have been repaired and should stand for another century.

COLUMNS HAVE GREAT SIGNIFICANCE

The first publication devoted wholly to alumni was named THE NORMAL ALUMNI COLUMNS.

It was given the title "COLUMNS" because every person who had attended the institution was familiar with the old columns, a symbol of the past; and it was felt that all future students of the institution would also be familiar with this landmark.

The Normal Alumni Columns was published quarterly from May, 1938, through May, 1940, with the exception of a few monthly issues in the spring of 1940, which were tabloid style on newspaper stock.

After a lapse of almost three years, the publication was resumed as a quarterly until 1948. At that time it was decided to revert to the present type of newsletter and publish one issue each month during the regular school session of nine months. The only change has been in the name, which was changed in 1945 to ALUMNI COLUMNS.

REMEMBER ANY OF THIS GROUP?

It would be interesting to know the names of these young women in the above picture. It would be more interesting to know the story of their lives and accomplish-

ments. But one thing is certain—the spirit and devotion they gave to their generation must live on and continue to be the spirit of a great institution that had such a great beginning.

Times Do Change, Do They Not?

Remember back in the thirties and the early forties when all the cars owned by the students could be parked on a tennis court with room to spare? Remember when a fellow had a car of any kind, other than a "jalopy," he was considered a plutocrat; and even a "jalopy" was a luxury afforded by a very few? My! Times do change.

Today, one of the biggest problems facing students, faculty, staff, and workers on the campus is finding a place to park a car. Even on bright, sunlit days, the congestion of cars in available parking areas as well as along the edges of the miles of drives the campus, causes the late arrival or the visitor to the campus almost

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1,979 Register for Spring Semester

Enrollment for the spring semester stands at 1,979 according to figures released by the Registrar's Office. Final registration figures will exceed this figure by a small amount.

A break down of the registration by schools is as follows: Applied Arts and Sciences, 248 men, 71 women, 319 total; Arts and Sciences, 200 men, 60 women, 260 total; Education, 430 men, 387 women, 817 total; Nursing, 5 men, 371 women, 376 total; Graduates, 81 men, 126 women, 207 total. This gives a grand total of 964 men, 1,015 women.

The 1956 spring enrollment exceeds that of 1955 by 13.67%. The enrollment last spring was 1,741, which number represented the peak enrollment in the history of the school up to that time. The enrollment last fall was exactly 2,200.

GEORGE T. NAFF



BETTIE CARTER



President of Texas Eastern Addresses Graduates; Bettie Carter Wins Top Honors

President George T. Naff, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation, of Shreveport, addressed the fall graduating class at Commencement Exercises in Fine Arts Auditorium on January 26. Mr. Naff challenged the class to be educators in life, whatever their vocation.

Miss Bettie Chloe Carter of Urania led the 90 graduates in possible points earned per semester hour of work completed for the degree, and was acclaimed highest Honor Graduate. Members of the graduating class are as follows:

BACHELOR OF ARTS: Mrs. Vernie U. Bartley, Winnfield; Joseph P. Beck, Natchitoches; Fay E. Book, Buras; Leodie Wagner Cornish, Colfax; Leona L. Cross, Vidalia; Mrs. Camelia J. Dethloff, Natchitoches; Yvette Chapron Dry, Franklin; Johnnie Louise Frazier, Winnfield; Charles Robert Harrison, Plain Dealing; Ruth Beatrice Herron, Bastrop; Mrs. Marjorie A. Hough, Zwolle; Mildred Maitland Hughes, Shreveport; Mrs. Flora B. Jowers, Conshatta; Wilma Chandler Leslie, Many; Avon McBride, Minden; Billie S. McRae, Leesville; Janice Yvonne Melton, Minden.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE: R. Adrian Musselwhite, Oberlin; Chester Conrad Nolan, Natchitoches; Mary Ellen Ross, Natchitoches; Mary Elizabeth Smith, Eros; Elizabeth Clarke Tauner, St. Joseph; Charles J. Thigpen, Pelican; Kate C. Thigpen, Marthaville; Dycie Jackson Welch, Simpson; Archie R. Worsham, Conshatta.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE: James Ray Allen, Keatchie; Mae

Elizabeth Aulds, Natchitoches; Bertie Frances Austin, Kinder; Mrs. Nell S. Bailes, Natchitoches; Carolyn Boutwell, Winnboro; Kenneth Brister, Bastrop; Ward E. Broussard, Jr., Pineville; Bettie Chloe Carter, Urania; John Harvey Carter, Jr., Trout; Mary Frances Crump, Marthaville; Gordon Thomas Delaney, Forest Hill; Theodore A. Frisch, Shreveport; Kenneth W. Gibson, Natchitoches; Mary Catherine Gordy, Wisner; LaNell Goss, Transylvania; Kenneth B. J. Hargis, Lockport; William V. Hodge, Bobby G. James, Homer; Labon P. Jeansonne, Cottonport; Freddie Merle Jones, Shreveport; Joseph Patrick Kelley, Natchitoches; Coy D. Kile, Natchitoches; Waple Lilley, Shreveport.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE: Terry A. Maggio, Natchitoches; Jadwin V. Mayeux, Cottonport; Donald Earl Millen, Natchitoches; Eugene Lee Millet, Lecompte; Mrs. Frances Ann Crump Modisette, Haynesville; Margaret Marie Robin, Oakdale; Gale W. Robinson, Hornbeck; J. P. Self, Natchitoches; E. Doyle Sewell, Natchitoches; Jimmie I'dora Shows, Ragley; Jackson Kenneth Simpson, Natchitoches; Paul M. Smith, Verda; William Lawrence Stanberry, Haynesville; Waynon S. Tarter, Dry Prong; Henry T. Thomas, Winnfield; Huey P. Thomas, Minden; Michael Edward Torrans, Shreveport; Billy Lynn West, Natchitoches.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING: Clara Sue Baggardy, Hodge; Jimmie C. Walters Blasingame, Monroe; Sister Brigida Corcoran, Monroe; Sue Bishop Dienst,

Baton Rouge; Rose Marie Farrar, Lillie; Charlotte Anita Foster, Calhoun; Mary Shields Higginbotham, Shreveport; Marguerite Lampirez, Lake Charles; Margaret Gillis Lewis, Alexandria; Ormi Lee Brooks Mancillas, Monroe; Norma Ruth Pittman, Baton Rouge; Leola Mary Raymond, New Orleans; Olive Barr Rials, Bossier City; Mona Pauline Sanders, Shreveport; Florence Hodges Short, Shreveport; Eunice S. Wascom, Walker; Kathryn Childress Webb, Shreveport.

THREE-YEAR DIPLOMA IN NURSING: Nancy Patricia Campbell, Coushatta; Jerry Lee Douglas, Rayville; Robert Herman Jones, Shreveport; Mildred Gene H. Kearns, Alexandria; Peggy Irene Arrington McDonald, Shreveport; Jo Ann Smith, Benton.

Times Do Change—

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to give up in despair before locating a place to park. But, when it rains! Ah, that really poses a dilemma with both horns sawed off short. Naturally, no one likes to get wet while running through the rain, and long distances at that; so everyone wants to park right at the entrance of the building to which he is going—and pandemonium reigns.

Plans are being worked out to build larger and better parking areas to alleviate the present congested situation. All students, faculty, and others who work on the campus are being asked to register their cars, together with the location of their rooms or offices, so that a comprehensive plan can be outlined to take care of parking in, at least, the most congested areas.

Registration of student cars has been completed. Faculty, staff, and workers on the campus are now registering their cars. (This refers to cars used on the campus.) Each car owner will be given a sticker and a number to identify his car to the campus traffic officer.

More than 600 cars have been registered by the students. Add to that the cars of faculty, staff, and other workers, and parking space for at least 1,000 cars must be provided.

In addition to solving the daily parking problem, space must be found for parking of large numbers of cars, busses, etc., on special visitation days, rallies, ball games, etc.; but it is hoped that present plans in the making will take care of almost all other special events.

All newly created parking areas will be black-topped for all-weather use.

Home Economics Day Draws Big Crowd

Home Economics Day at Northwestern State College, an annual affair, set a new record of attendance this year when 505 students, parents and teachers from 14 schools, representing 21 parishes, registered for the occasion. Of the total present, 441 were students and 64 were teachers and parents.

Exhibits and demonstrations, prepared for the visitors by Mrs. Dunkelmann, her staff, and students, included such timely subjects as Hand Weaving is Fun, Home Crafts Can Be a Hobby, Color Makes the Difference, Toys for Tots or Teens, The \$25,000 Pie, The Way to a Man's Heart, Sewing Machine Magic, House Furnishings, etc. In all, 16 exhibits and demonstrations were presented along with a "Style Show" for women.

Several talks were given on the general theme: Opportunities and Satisfaction for the Home Economist. Miss Rosemary Sargeant, Confederate Memorial Hospital, Shreveport, discussed the Dietetics Field. The Extension Service was presented by Mrs. Willie Ethel Boydston, Assistant Home Demonstration Agent, Natchitoches. Opportunities in the Business Field was the presentation of Miss Jane Bush, Louisiana Power and Light Company, West Monroe, while the Teaching Field was discussed by Miss Nancy Kimbrell, Oakdale High School. The Home was the presentation of Mrs. June Wallace Dyson, a homemaker of Pineville.



Johnny G. "Red" Robertson, B. S. '49, head football coach at Ferriday High School, is pictured as he led a discussion at the P. E. M. Club recently. The meeting was held in the "N Club" Room.

Ten N. S. C. Graduates Receive Master's Degrees At University of Arkansas

A complimentary graduation program from the University of Arkansas for the Winter Commencement Exercises on January 28, 1956, listed ten NSC graduates as receiving the Master's Degree at that institution.

Those listed were: Master of Arts—Charles Nadyne Fargerson (English).

Master of Education—Lonnie James Austin (Ed. Adm.), Victor Woodrow Chase (Ed. Adm.), Malchus R. Eaves (Voc. Ed.), Loran Ebarb (Ed. Adm.), Hilrey Fulton Holman (Voc. Ed.), David Gentry Koch (Ed. Adm.), James Leslie McConathy (Ed. Adm.), Neva Irene Norsworthy (Sec. Ed.), Edwin Thompson Scott (Ed. Adm.).

ruary 14, with the Rev. Leonard Cooke and the Rev. Beverly E. Bond hearing their vows.

Mr. Sibley is now the vice-president of an aviation corporation in Shreveport.

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Miss Sara Guitar of Colorado City, Texas, a former member of the College music faculty, and JOHN LEBLANC of Natchitoches, ex '37, were married in All Saints' Episcopal Church in Colorado City, on January 24, with the Rev. Angus Miller officiating at the ceremony.

The couple will make their home in Shreveport.

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MISS JANE MARTIN, student at the College, and Edward Lee Cope-land, both of Shreveport, were married on February 10, at the home of the bride's mother.

The groom is a student at Centenary College, where he will continue his education.

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MISS DARLENE HARMS of Natchitoches, student at the College, and JOHN MILTON HICKS, B. S. '54, of Rogers, Arkansas, were married at the Westside Baptist Church, Natchitoches, on January 31.

They are making their home at El Paso, Texas, where Lt. Hicks is stationed. His address is: B. Btry., 4th Tng. Bn., AAA. R. T. C., Fort Bliss, Texas.

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MISS JUDITH MAQUAR SCHNEIDER, B. S. '51, of New Orleans, and Willis Reuther Smiley were married recently in Juarez, Mexico.

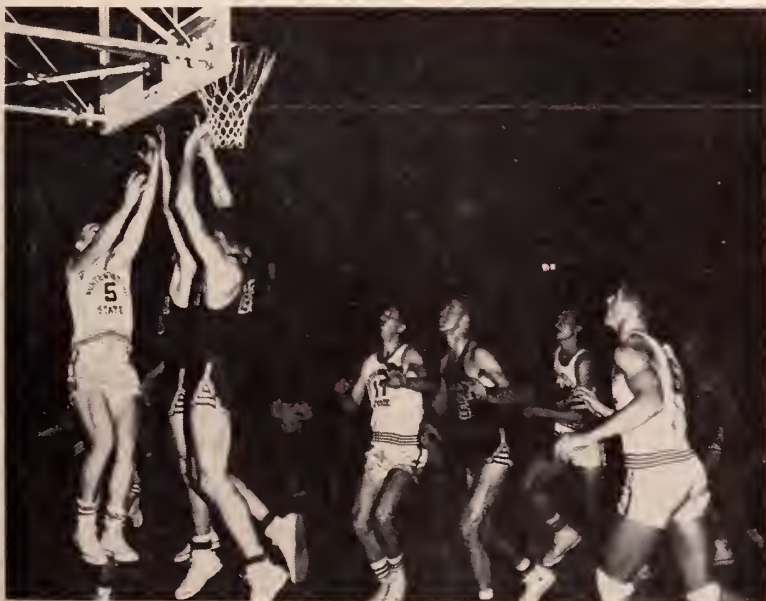
Cupid's Doings

MISS MILLIE ERLINE (BILL) POWELL, B. S. '55, of Colfax, and NORMAN ARTHUR CHILDERS, student at the College of Colfax also, were married on January 28, in the Colfax Baptist Church.

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Miss Dorothea Dolores DeFreese of Shreveport and HENRY ARTHUR SIBLEY, JR., ex '50, also of Shreveport, were married at the Broadmoor Methodist Church on Feb-

LEACH DRIVES THROUGH TO SCORE



Freshman Jim Leach (5) breaks past his guard, Wiggins (behind him), and lays one up in the Demon-Tech game. White (22) and Knotts (45), of Tech, make an effort to block the shot. McConathy (17), Germany (35), Crnkovic (14), Wicker (6), and Alexander (42) come rushing up in the event the basket had not been made. The Demons stayed out in front to beat the Bulldogs 87-77.

1955 DEMON BASKETBALL LETTERMEN



LANGSTON, McCONATHY, ENLOE, LEBO, AND BROWN.

Demons Lead G. S. C. With 8-1 Record

The Demon basketball team is rolling along atop the G. S. C. with a record of eight wins and one loss. Trailing the Demons are the Cowboys of McNeese with a record of 7-1.

With only two regular starters from last year's team, the freshman-loaded Demons were expecting this season to be a "rebuilding" year. They were not expected to be a strong competitor in conference circles. However, the freshmen have played an important part in the success of the team thus far. Freshmen Leach, Wicker, and Walpole have been a tremendous boost to Co-captains McConathy and Brown. Langston, a junior; Fontenot, a junior transfer; Lebo, a sophomore; and Crnkovic, a sophomore transfer, have added strength in critical games to round out a well-balanced team.

Centenary and McNeese, the first two teams played after our last report, broke a 4-game winning streak for the Demons. Coming from behind, the Centenary Gents overcame a 16-point lead of the Demons and won 62-52. Brown and McConathy led the Demon scoring with 15 points each.

McNeese next took the Demons into camp on the Cowboys' home court by a onesided score of 86-67 with Reigel dropping in 44 points.

DEMONS WIN 4 IN ROW

The Demons bounced back into the win column in their next four games — conquering Southeastern 74-57, Louisiana Tech 87-77, Northeast 84-63, and Southwestern 60-53.

Against Southeastern, the Demons soon demonstrated their

superiority, and Coach Thomas cleared the benches before the end of the game. Southeastern, a hot-and-cold team this season, seemed unable to click together.

Knotts was the key man in the Tech lineup and dropped in 24 points in a losing battle against the Demons. Brown and McConathy led the Demons with 28 and 22 points respectively. Wiggins of Tech, a senior who has been heralded as one of Tech's greatest, was either off or else too well covered. His total was limited to 10 points. Tech was ahead only twice during the entire game, once in each half, and then for only a short time.

Northeast started the game with a rush and quickly moved out in front of the Demons. While leading, they seemingly could not miss the basket. As soon as the Demons caught up and moved out in front, the Indians apparently wilted. Four Demons scored in double figures. Brown netted 20 points, McConathy 18, Lebo 17, and Langston 14.

The Demons next traveled to Lafayette for a return game with the SLI Bulldogs. McConathy sank 7 of 8 attempts from the field and 6 of 8 fouls for 20 points. The game was largely defensive, as the final score was 60-53.

THREE GSC GAMES LEFT

Two games with Louisiana College and one with Louisiana Tech will finish the conference schedule for the Demons. The Demons meet Louisiana College in Natchitoches February 18, Louisiana Tech at Ruston on February 21, and Louisiana College at Pineville on February 25.

LUCKY? AFTER TWENTY-ONE YEARS EFFORT?



MAJOR JOSEPH P. BECK

TWENTY-ONE YEARS AGO (1935), a young man, just graduated from high school, wanted a college education. He wanted it so much that he rode a bus 140 miles per day, 70 miles each way, to attend Louisiana State Normal College. The fact that he lived 1

miles from the bus stop, a distance he often had to walk, did not dampen his ambition, and he continued this daily routine for two semesters.

Getting a part-time job on the campus, he roomed in a dormitory for two semesters more but had to drop out and work to raise more money for college expenses.

In 1938 he returned to college for the year '38-'39, then was forced to drop out again and work. Before he could return, military service brought about another interruption, and in January, 1942, he enlisted in the U. S. Air Force. He spent the greater part of World War II in Africa, Italy, France, Germany, and Belgium.

Returning from overseas in 1945, he married Miss Elaine Holt, a former NSC student from Pollock, his home town. With the rank of Captain, he was discharged from service in January, 1946, but was recalled to duty in August, 1947. While out of service he attended Louisiana College.

He was stationed at Brookley Air Force Base in Mobile, Mallory Air Force Base in Memphis, Ordnance Tank Automotive Center, Detroit, and Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio. While at Memphis and Detroit he did work at the University of Tennessee and at Wayne University.

From December, 1953, to July, 1955, he was transferred to Guam.

Still trying to get the college degree, he learned of a plan whereby he could be assigned temporary duty en route to a new station assignment; and he applied for such duty at NSC.

He returned to class work for the fall semester, and on January 26, 1956, Major Joseph P. Beck,

CANADA-EASTERN SEABOARD TOUR



Annual Summer Study Tour—Aug. 4-26

after 21 years, received his Bachelor's Degree. He is now at his assigned station at 380 Bomber Wing, Plattsburg Air Force Base, New York.

"Lucky?" he says, "You might call it a 21-year sentence, but I finally got what I determined I would get 21 years ago."

Yes, and Major Beck is a life member of the NSC Alumni Association.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Joe Sudbury, 893 Belanger, Houma, announce the arrival of a new skipper for their household. He is named James Franklin and arrived to take over the command of the home on February 10. Mr. and Mrs. Sudbury are both graduates of the College. Mr. Sudbury having received his B. S. Degree in 1951; and Mrs. Sudbury, the former Dorothy L. Canafax, received her B. S. Degree in Nursing in 1953. Mrs. Sudbury was formerly a member of the Nursing faculty at NSC.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thompson, Natchitoches, were surprised by the arrival of twin boys, Charles Anthony and Bruce Alan, on January 27. Mr. Thompson is a senior at the College and Mrs. Thompson, the former Patsy Winkler of Olla, B. S. '54, taught Home Economics at Belcher High School last year. She was employed as secretary at the College this fall.

The annual summer study tour conducted by the Department of Social Sciences will cover 5,568 miles this summer. The tour will take those who register for the trip through eighteen states and four Canadian provinces, with 8 of the 23 days being spent in Canada.

College credit for the tour will be granted those desiring it. A total of 6 semester hours' credit in Geography, on the undergraduate level, or 3 semester hours' credit in Geography, on the graduate level, will be granted. The tour may be taken by any one with or without college credit.

The fee for the tour this summer will be \$215. This fee includes transportation, hotel accommodations, travelers insurance, registration fee, and admission to Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, and nine commercial sightseeing tours. Meals are not included.

Dr. George A. Stokes, Department of Social Sciences, will conduct the tour. For details concerning the tour, which will leave Natchitoches on August 4 and return to Natchitoches on August 26, write Dr. Stokes.

LATE FLASH

The Demons defeated Louisiana College 85-59 to bring their conference record to 9-1 for the season. Brown, Langston, and McConathy led the Demons with 22, 11, and 12 points, respectively.

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